

Action Lines

Thank you for your support

The family of Stephen Westley Settle, who died tragically March 6, wish to express our deepest appreciation to all the professionals, our friends and colleagues at RAFs Lakenheath and Feltwell. Your support and understanding have been invaluable during our most difficult times. Your kind thoughts, deeds, and messages are helping us to endure the devastating loss of a dear son and brother.

Mike, Pamela and Michael Settle
Retired Air Force

Publish courts martial every week

I have just read this week's (March 14) "Jet 48" article about the two courts martial and, for what it's worth, I believe we should publish this stuff every week. It serves several useful purposes.

For one, some people may be deterred from engaging in certain activities by the threat of being caught and punished.

Two, it keeps people aware that the Air Force, though certainly not characterized

by dishonesty and bad deeds, is not free from these kinds of people and events.

Three, it shows the Air Force is doing something about the problem and at the same time, shows the Air Force cannot solve every problem without the personal support and involvement of members and family members.

Four, greater awareness of these types of things might lead to more people working toward solutions.

And five, let's face it, these "juicy" stories entice readers, and might just increase readership of the positive stuff in the paper.

I've heard some of the arguments against publishing what some people would see as sleaze, fear-producing material, or tabloid material. I'm not saying "give us dirty laundry," but in a close-knit community with a military mission, people need to know, even if they don't like it. And it is usually possible to protect privacy and serve the common good at the same time.

Keep it up! I recommend a weekly page or half page of articles.

Maj. James Pierson
Social actions

Thank you from the Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts would like to convey a special thanks to the people and organizations at RAFs Lakenheath, Mildenhall and Feltwell who helped make Girl Scout Week a tremendous success.

More than 250 people took part in activities including the Girl Scout reunion, reveille and retreat ceremonies, a skating party, a camp sing-a-long and more.

Stephanie Lee King
Girl Scout Week committee chairman

Conserve today to save tomorrow

By MSgt. Edward Spengler
48th Logistics Group environmental manager

"The environment and you." We hear it all the time but it sometimes falls on deaf ears. We think it's just another "tree hugger" coming at us trying to give us a bad case of environmental guilt. We hear terms like global warming, greenhouse effect, acid rain, and the ever-disappearing ozone layer. Will it ever end? In a word, Yes. It could all end if we take this "environmental jargon" too lightly.

The deteriorating condition of our environment is not just a problem for the "tree hugging" groups to solve. It's a problem for everyone living on this planet. We have a problem, and we must all take action now to insure that future generations are preserved.

For the next three weeks leading up to

From the commander

Safety

As we enter the four-day Easter holiday weekend, now is the time to focus on personal and family safety. The weather is turning beautiful and the days are getting longer. We must not be lulled into a false sense of security, but rather maintain a higher level of safety vigilance.

With the lower operations tempo we've been experiencing lately, it is important to relax and enjoy yourself this weekend. There's plenty to see and do in the local area and beyond. We're blessed with an assignment to one of the greatest places in the world. Make the most of it. But don't ever compromise the safety of yourself or your family.

Col. Doug Richardson
48th Fighter Wing commander

Tragedy

The Liberty Wing felt the tragic loss of one of our own Wednesday when an airman assigned to the 48th Communications Squadron died in a motorcycle accident near Eriswell Village. The hearts and prayers of the wing go out to his family and friends.

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Children from the child development center hunt for eggs in Liberty Park. For those members of the wing "hunting" for things to do this weekend, see pages 14, 17 and 21.